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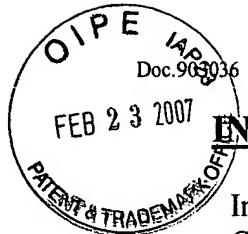
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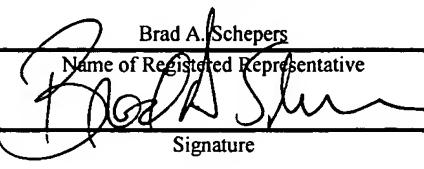
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview conducted between Examiner Prone and the undersigned on January 19, 2007, please enter the following Interview Summary. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

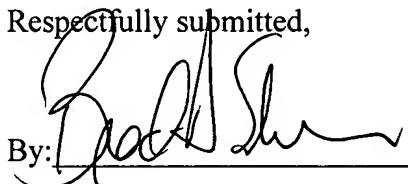
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant's attorney thanks Examiner Prone for the courtesy of initiating a telephonic interview on January 19, 2007 to further prosecution of the subject application. Independent claims 1, 30, 40 and 49 were discussed during the telephonic interview. Examiner Prone indicated that the claims would be allowable if the relationship between the first and second transverse dimensions were more clearly defined in the independent claims. No specific patent references were discussed with regard to the independent claims. An agreement regarding amendments to the independent claims was reached, followed by issuance of a Notice of Allowance and an Examiner's Amendment on January 26, 2007.

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